Container Gardening Four Easy Steps



2. Fill your container 2/3 or 3/4 of the way full with soil.

cut if off so that it is wide enough.

- 3. Plant your seeds, using two or three seeds for every plant you want to grow.

4. Gently water your plant until the soil is moist and place it in a spot that gets sun for at least half of the day. Water your plant when the soil gets too dry.





If the container is......

6 to 8 inches, you can plant:

Radishes, beets, Swiss chard, turnips.

Examples: Large butter, margarine or cottage cheese container, large soup can, bottom of a milk or water jug, plastic peanut butter jar.



8 to 10 inches, you can plant:

Green beans (bush variety), cabbage, collards, cucumbers (bush variety), eggplant, garlic, herbs, lettuce, onions, peas, peppers, spinach.

Examples: large coffee can, bottom of a gallon milk or water jug, gallon ice cream container, large plastic jar.



10 to 12 inches, you can plant:

Broccoli, cauliflower, zucchini.

Examples: bottom of a gallon milk or water jug, gallon size food cans, an old tire lined with a plastic trash bag.

If the container is......

12 or more inches, you can plant:
Green beans (vine variety), carrots, corn,
cucumbers (vine variety), melons, potatoes, fall
squashes, tomatoes.

Examples: leaky cleaning bucket, five gallon plastic containers, a stack of two or three old tires lined with a plastic trash bag.

Preparing Your Container:

Wash your container with soap and water. Then wash with diluted bleach. Rinse clean a few times before preparing and planting the seeds.

Preparing Bleach Solution:

Add 1 tablespoon bleach to 1 gallon of water.





